

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES.

FEBRUARY 12, 1863.

Read twice and referred to the Committee on the District of Columbia.

FEBRUARY 25, 1863.

Reported by Mr. MORRILL with amendments, viz: Insert the words printed in  
*italics.*

**AN ACT**

To incorporate Saint Ann's Infant Asylum, in the District of  
Columbia.

1       *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*  
2       *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*  
3       That Theresa A. Costello, Lucy Gwynn, Margaret Bowden,  
4       Sarah M. Carroll, Catharine Ryan, Louisa Fisher, and Catha-  
5       rine Shea, and their successors, be, and they are hereby, made a  
6       body politic and corporate forever, by the name of Saint Ann's  
7       Infant Asylum, for the purpose of establishing and main-  
8       taining in the city of Washington, in the District of Columbia,  
9       an institution for the maintenance and support of foundlings  
10      and infant orphan and half orphan children, and also to pro-  
11      vide for deserving indigent and unprotected females during  
12      their confinement in childbirth; and by that name may sue

13 and be sued, prosecute and defend; may have and use a  
 14 common seal, and the same alter and renew at pleasure; may  
 15 adopt and establish rules, regulations, and by-laws not repug-  
 16 nant to the Constitution and laws of the United States, for  
 17 properly conducting the affairs of said corporation; may take,  
 18 receive, purchase, and hold estate, real, personal, and mixed,  
 19 not exceeding in value at any one time one hundred thousand  
 20 dollars; and may manage and dispose of the same, and apply  
 21 the same, or the proceeds of the sales thereof, to the uses and  
 22 purposes of said corporation, according to the rules and regu-  
 23 lations which now are or may hereafter at any time be  
 24 established.

1        SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted,* That said corporation  
 2 shall be entitled to retain under their care, charge, and re-  
 3 straint, and subject to the rules and discipline of said corpo-  
 4 ration, all foundlings and infant children committed to their  
 5 keeping *by authority of parents, guardians, or persons having*  
 6 *legal authority*, as fully and completely, to all intents and pur-  
 7 poses, as if they were regularly indentured and bound appren-  
 8 tices to said institution, until said foundlings and infants shall  
 9 be, if males, twenty-one years old, and if females, eighteen  
 10 years old, or any shorter period that may be agreed upon; *said*  
 11 *children to be taught to read, and write, and the rules of arith-*  
 12 *metic, and shall be instructed in some useful art or profession.*  
 13 And said corporation shall have power to bind them out for a

14 time not to exceed said ages of twenty-one and eighteen years,  
15 respectively, as apprentices to learn any trade or business, or to  
16 learn to be useful in housekeeping, or may, under terms (proper  
17 in the view of the said corporation) and to be by them stipu-  
18 lated, place them for adoption, or as inmates with any families  
19 or persons, said corporation not being restricted in the exercise  
20 of their powers of binding or placing out to the District of  
21 Columbia; and all such acts shall be in writing, signed by the  
22 president of said corporation, and sealed with their corporate  
23 seal, and signed and sealed by the persons taking said children  
24 as apprentices or as aforesaid, and acknowledged by said par-  
25 ties before a justice of the peace in and for said District, and  
26 within one month thereafter recorded in the office of the  
27 Register of Wills for said District.

1       SEC. 3. *And be it further enacted*, That Congress may  
2 at any time hereafter alter, amend, or repeal this act.

Passed the House of Representatives February 11, 1863.

Attest:

EM. ETHERIDGE, *Clerk*.